

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed S. 2986, to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11441–S11514*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2995–3007, S. Res. 470–473, and S. Con. Res. 147–149.

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**Measures Reported:** S. 346, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–415)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Commending the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 149, commending the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its employees for its dedication and hard work during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

**Pages S11505–06**

**Honoring the Life of Astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr.:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 470, honoring the life of astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr.

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**Honoring the Late Senator Paul Simon:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, authorizing the printing of tributes and other related materials in honor of the late Senator Paul Simon.

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**Inez Sitter:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 423, commending Inez Sitter for her service to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

**Pages S11507–08**

**Confederated Tribes of Coos:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 441, expressing the sense of the Senate that October 17, 1984, the date of the restoration by the Federal Government of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower

Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, should be memorialized, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Elder Fall Prevention Act:** Senate passed S. 1217, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning falls among older adults, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**All-America City Awards:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 464, honoring the 10 communities selected to receive the 2004 All-America City Award.

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**National Day of the Horse:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 452, designating December 13, 2004, as “National Day of the Horse” and encouraging the people of the United States to be mindful of the contribution of horses to the economy, history, and character of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Alexander Hamilton:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 123, recognizing and honoring the life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton on the bicentennial of his death because of his standing as one of the most influential Founding Fathers of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**National Children’s Memorial Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 436, designating the second Sunday in the month of December 2004 as “National Children’s Memorial Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Rose Revolution:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 472, to honor the people of Georgia on the first anniversary of the Rose Revolution.

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**Urging the Government of Ukraine:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 473, urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the Presidential run-off election on November 21, 2004. **Page S11512-13**

**State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate request the House of Representatives return the papers with respect to S. 2283, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools. **Page S11444**

**Maiden Speeches—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all maiden speeches by new Senators from the 108th Congress be printed as a Senate document; and that Senators have until the close of business on Friday, November 19, 2004 to submit such statements. **Page S11513**

**Printing Tributes—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be printed as individual Senate documents a compilation of materials from the Congressional Record in tribute to retiring Members of the 108th Congress. **Page S11513**

**Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1047, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, on Friday, November 19, 2004; that there be one hour of debate, following which, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report. **Page S11513**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- A routine list in the Navy. **Page S11514**

**Nominations Discharged:** The following nominations were discharged from further consideration by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension, and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Julia L. Wu, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004.

Eugene Hickok, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, which was sent to the Senate on May 13, 2004.

Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Education, which was sent to the Senate on May 13, 2004.

Robert Davila, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council On Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2006. (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on May 20, 2004.

Linda Wetters, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council On Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2006. (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on May 20, 2004.

Carol D'Amico, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of two years. (New Position), which was sent to the Senate on June 14, 2004.

Laurie Stenberg Nichols, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on November 16, 2004.

The following nominations were discharged from further consideration by the Committee on Foreign Relations, and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Yousif B. Ghafari, of Michigan, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which was sent to the Senate on July 22, 2004.

Jane Dee Hull, of Arizona, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which was sent to the Senate on July 22, 2004.

Susan L. Moore, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which was sent to the Senate on September 20, 2004. **Page S11514**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S11505**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, November 19, 2004 (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11513-14.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REFORM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the status of financial management reform within the Department of Defense and the individual services, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States; Valerie Lynn Baldwin, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller); Richard Greco, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller); and Michael Montelongo, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller).

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, Ernest J. Wilson III of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Claudia Puig, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Gay Hart Gaines, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Harold Jennings Creel, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and James S. Simpson, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded a hearing to examine the brain science behind

pornography addiction, focusing on the effects of addiction on families and communities, after receiving testimony from Judith Reisman, California Protective Parents Association, Sacramento; Mary Anne Layden, University of Pennsylvania Center for Cognitive Therapy, Philadelphia; James B. Weaver, III Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Department of Communication, Blacksburg; and Jeffrey Satinover, Weston, Connecticut.

### PATIENT SAFETY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine putting patient safety first regarding drugs such as Vioxx, focusing on the Food and Drug Administration, and heart attacks, after receiving testimony from David J. Graham, Associate Director for Science and Medicine, Office of Drug Safety, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and Sandra L. Kweder, Acting Director, Office of New Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, both of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gurkirpal Singh, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California; Bruce M. Psaty, University of Washington, Seattle; and Raymond V. Gilmartin, Merck & Co., Inc., Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

### STANDING ROCK SIOUX RESERVATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee on Indian Affairs held an oversight hearing on the water problems on the Standing Rock Sioux Reserve, receiving testimony from William T. Grisoli, Brigadier General, Commander and Division Engineer, Northwestern Division, Army Corps of Engineers; Dennis Breitzman, Area Manager, Dakotas Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Richard Olson, Director, Division of Clinical and Community Services, and Ronald Ferguson, Director, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, both of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Charles W. Murphy, and Mike Claymore, both of Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 5382–5392; and; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 112–113;

H. Con. Res. 522–523, and H. Res. 862, were introduced. **Page H9999**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: